REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Advisory Action dated March 6, 2006, and further in response to the Final Office Action dated December 9, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on March 9, 2006.

Claims 2-53 are pending in the application.

Claims 2-53 stand rejected.

Claims 2, 5, 8-14, 18, 19, 21, 24, 27-34, 37, and 40-46 have been amended.

Claims 3, 4, 22, 23, 35, and 36 have been cancelled.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments made herein address the outstanding 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections and further distinguish the claimed invention over the cited reference Wagner, U.S. Patent No. 6,092,102. In particular, Wagner does not teach that the "configurable communication server configured to determine ... an event response to perform in response to an event if the type of communication is incoming." Applicants respectfully reiterate their previous argument that Wagner does not teach a configurable communication server that is capable of receiving an event from the communication channel and configured to determine an event response. In response to this argument, the Office action dated December 9, 2005, states that Wagner's "communication channels have the capability to ... receive communication messages. The server ... can also receive messages such as acknowledgement messages from these intended users." Applicants respectfully submit that receiving an acknowledgement message acknowledging receipt of an outgoing message does not teach determining an event response in response to an event if the type of communication is incoming, as claimed. Accordingly, each of independent claims 2, 15, 20, 21, 84, and 49 is allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons presented above, Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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